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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Helms, Chief, Ops.

At the PSB luncheon today we discussed the Warner "Task Force" film and I called Mr. Hochstadter in the absence of Mr. Eric Johnson. He immediately got in touch with the New York office of the Motion Picture Association and as a result Mr. Kenneth Clark, Vice President, called me back. I told him the problem and he said he would get in touch immediately with Warner Brothers. Subsequently Mr. Hetzel (for Mr. Clark) called me and told me that the film was being shown today in two Japanese cities. Also that it had been shown to the Embassy in Tokyo and that apparently they had raised no objection to the film. However, they were prepared to bring the film down here immediately for a showing if it was desired. They indicated that the film had been drastically cut and that Warner Brothers felt in its present form it was not objectionable. If, however, it caused any trouble they were apparently willing to withdraw it. I said to Mr. Hetzel that I had called as a member of the PSB and after consultation with the other members of the Board, and that any follow-up should be in the hands of the State Department to whom I would pass on this information. Mr. Hetzel said that Mr. Wulf Cohen of Warner Brothers International was the man who was fully familiar with the matter and had furnished the information to the Association.

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